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DES DIVISION OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY

Employment Review

May 1987

Employment Levels Rise Slightly in May 1987

Signalling the beginning of summer seasonal declines, the Commonwealth's total nonagricultural wage and salary employment displayed a modest 20,100 increase in May 1987, bringing the total number of jobs to 3,057,500.

- Each of the major nonmanufacturing industries showed employment gains in May 1987, with wholesale and retail trade adding 7,300 new jobs, services adding 4,500 new jobs, and construction up by 6,400 from last month.

- In manufacturing, job losses totalled 1,600 over the month. Continued layoffs in the communications equipment industry were responsible for declines in the durable goods indusdties.

- In the public sector, decreases in federal and state government employment were offset by a 900 worker increase in local government.

From an annual perspective, the state's employment situation continues to show growth, especially in the service producing industries. Massachusetts' total nonagricultural wage and salary employment has increased by 65,900 or 2.2 percent since May 1986.

- Sectors showing significant growth over the year include: services (38,900 new jobs), wholesale and retail trade (16,500 new jobs), and finance, insurance, and real estate (13,500 new jobs) As the banking industry continues to diversify its activities, employment levels have expanded in this sector with 2,600 new jobs since May 1986.

- The manufacturing sector lost 17,500 jobs over the last year. Annual job losses in the durable goods producing industries totalled 12,700, with machinery except electrical industries employing 4,400 fewer people than last year. Similarly weak conditions persist in the nondurable goods producing industries despite slight growth in the food and kindred products, and printing and publishing industries.

Massachusetts Major Labor Market Areas VIII

The Fall River Massachusetts - Rhode Island Primary Metropolitain Statistical Area

Representing 6 cities and towns including two towns in Rhode Island, the Fall River

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NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT

MASSACHUSETTS

INDUSTRY	EMPLOYMENT			CHANGE			
				Prior Mo.		Year Ago	
	MAY 1987	APR. 1987	MAY 1986	#	%	#	%
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	3057.5	3037.4	2991.6	20.1	0.7	65.9	2.2
Manufacturing	606.4	608.0	623.9	-1.6	-0.3	-17.5	-2.8
Durable Goods	406.7	407.8	419.4	-1.1	-0.3	-12.7	-3.0
Lumber & Furniture	13.7	13.9	13.4	-0.2	-1.4	0.3	2.2
Stone,Clay & Glass	10.4	10.2	11.0	0.2	2.0	-0.6	-5.5
Primary Metals	15.7	15.7	15.9	0.0	****	-0.2	-1.3
Fabricated Metals	40.4	40.7	43.2	-0.3	-0.7	-2.8	-6.5
Cutlery,Hand tools,Hardware	9.2	9.3	9.6	-0.1	-1.1	-0.4	-4.2
Machinery, except electrical	94.0	93.7	98.4	0.3	0.3	-4.4	-4.5
Metalworking machinery	13.1	13.3	13.7	-0.2	-1.5	-0.6	-4.4
Special industry machinery	11.3	11.2	12.5	0.1	0.9	-1.2	-9.6
* Office Computing, & Accounting Machines	47.6	47.2	48.8	0.4	0.8	-1.2	-2.5
Electrical & Electronic machinery,equip.,etc.	121.8	123.0	124.3	-1.2	-1.0	-2.5	-2.0
Communications equipment	40.7	42.1	43.8	-1.4	-3.3	-3.1	-7.1
Electronic components	58.1	57.7	56.5	0.4	0.7	1.6	2.8
Transportation equipment	36.9	36.9	38.1	0.0	****	-1.2	-3.1
Instruments	54.3	54.5	55.9	-0.2	-0.4	-1.6	-2.9
Measuring & Control devices	19.6	19.7	20.9	-0.1	-0.5	-1.3	-6.2
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	19.5	19.2	19.2	0.3	1.6	0.3	1.6
Jewelry	7.5	7.5	7.3	0.0	****	0.2	2.7
Nondurable Goods	199.7	200.2	204.5	-0.5	-0.2	-4.8	-2.3
Food & kindred products	22.8	22.8	22.3	0.0	****	0.5	2.2
Textile mill products	17.3	17.3	17.8	0.0	****	-0.5	-2.8
Apparel	25.8	25.8	28.1	0.0	****	-2.3	-8.2
Mens & Boys suits,coats & furnishings	6.8	6.8	7.1	0.0	****	-0.3	-4.2
Paper & allied products	23.5	23.6	24.7	-0.1	-0.4	-1.2	-4.9
Printing & Publishing	53.7	53.6	53.2	0.1	0.2	0.5	0.9
Chemicals	16.9	17.1	17.2	-0.2	-1.2	-0.3	-1.7
Rubber & miscellaneous Plastic products	28.5	28.8	29.2	-0.3	-1.0	-0.7	-2.4
Miscellaneous Plastic products	21.8	21.8	22.0	0.0	****	-0.2	-0.9
Leather & Leather products	9.6	9.7	10.5	-0.1	-1.0	-0.9	-8.6
Footwear, except rubber	4.9	4.9	5.7	0.0	****	-0.8	-14.0
Mining	2.4	2.3	1.7	0.1	4.3	0.7	41.2
Construction	130.0	123.6	123.2	6.4	5.2	6.8	5.5
Transportation, Communication & Public Utilities	129.1	127.6	124.3	1.5	1.2	4.8	3.9
Wholesale & Retail trade	717.8	710.5	701.3	7.3	1.0	16.5	2.4
Wholesale Trade	165.1	164.4	157.8	0.7	0.4	7.3	4.6
Retail Trade	552.7	546.1	543.5	6.6	1.2	9.2	1.7
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	214.6	213.0	201.1	1.6	0.8	13.5	6.7
Banking	63.6	63.7	61.0	-0.1	-0.2	2.6	4.3
Services	863.2	858.7	824.3	4.5	0.5	38.9	4.7
Health Services	247.3	246.8	238.8	0.5	0.2	8.5	3.6
Educational Services	120.6	123.4	117.1	-2.8	-2.3	3.5	3.0
Government	394.0	393.7	391.8	0.3	0.1	2.2	0.6
Federal	59.8	60.3	59.5	-0.5	-0.8	0.3	0.5
U.S. Postal Service	26.9	26.7	24.4	0.2	0.7	2.5	10.2
State	99.5	99.6	98.2	-0.1	-0.1	1.3	1.3
Educational services	27.5	27.9	28.7	-0.4	-1.4	-1.2	-4.2
Local	234.7	233.8	234.1	0.9	0.4	0.6	0.3
Educational services	130.6	130.8	132.7	-0.2	-0.2	-2.1	-1.6
Other Local	104.1	103.0	101.4	1.1	1.1	2.7	2.7
* High Technology Manufacturing	249.0	250.0	253.5	-1.0	-0.4	-4.5	-1.8
* High Technology Nonmanufacturing	82.3	82.8	80.5	-0.5	-0.6	1.8	2.2

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NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT
BOSTON PMSA

INDUSTRY	EMPLOYMENT			CHANGE			
				Prior Mo.		Year Ago	
	MAY 1987	APR 1987	MAY 1986	#	%	#	%
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	1728.2	1718.4	1681.6	9.8	0.6	46.6	2.8
Manufacturing	290.1	290.3	294.9	-0.2	-0.1	-4.8	-1.6
Durable Goods	210.3	210.5	213.2	-0.2	-0.1	-2.9	-1.4
Primary Metals	3.1	3.1	3.2	0.0	****	-0.1	-3.1
Fabricated Metals	16.1	16.4	17.0	-0.3	-1.8	-0.9	-5.3
Machinery, except electrical	41.1	41.1	41.8	0.0	****	-0.7	-1.7
Electrical & Electronic machinery,equip.,etc.	74.4	74.1	73.9	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.7
Transportation equipment	23.6	23.7	24.8	-0.1	-0.4	-1.2	-4.8
Instruments	40.7	40.9	41.0	-0.2	-0.5	-0.3	-0.7
Nondurable Goods	79.8	79.8	81.7	0.0	****	-1.9	-2.3
Food & kindred products	12.2	12.1	12.1	0.1	0.8	0.1	0.8
Textile mill products	2.5	2.5	2.6	0.0	****	-0.1	-3.8
Apparel	6.5	6.6	7.5	-0.1	-1.5	-1.0	-13.3
Paper & allied products	6.8	7.0	7.5	-0.2	-2.9	-0.7	-9.3
Printing & Publishing	32.9	32.8	32.2	0.1	0.3	0.7	2.2
Chemicals	7.9	7.9	8.0	0.0	****	-0.1	-1.3
Rubber & miscellaneous Plastic products	7.8	7.9	8.5	-0.1	-1.3	-0.7	-8.2
Leather & Leather products	2.6	2.5	2.6	0.1	4.0	0.0	****
Mining	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.0	****	0.2	28.6
Construction	67.1	64.8	63.5	2.3	3.5	3.6	5.7
Transportation, Communication & Public Utilities	75.1	74.5	72.8	0.6	0.8	2.3	3.2
Wholesale & Retail trade	388.9	385.2	374.3	3.7	1.0	14.6	3.9
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	146.3	145.2	138.8	1.1	0.8	7.5	5.4
Banking	41.9	41.7	40.3	0.2	0.5	1.6	4.0
Insurance	37.3	37.0	37.2	0.3	0.8	0.1	0.3
Services	560.1	559.1	539.0	1.0	0.2	21.1	3.9
Health Services	139.2	139.5	136.1	-0.3	-0.2	3.1	2.3
Educational Services	86.8	88.3	89.4	-1.5	-1.7	-2.6	-2.9
Government	199.7	198.4	197.6	1.3	0.7	2.1	1.1
Federal	38.3	38.4	36.9	-0.1	-0.3	1.4	3.8
U.S. Postal Service	14.8	14.8	13.6	0.0	****	1.2	8.8
Federal Hospitals	4.9	4.9	5.0	0.0	****	-0.1	-2.0
State	49.1	48.2	47.6	0.9	1.9	1.5	3.2
State Hospitals	4.9	4.8	4.8	0.1	2.1	0.1	2.1
Educational services	9.1	8.9	8.7	0.2	2.2	0.4	4.6
Local	112.3	111.8	113.1	0.5	0.4	-0.8	-0.7

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NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT

INDUSTRY	EMPLOYMENT			CHANGE			
				Prior Mo.		Year Ago	
	MAY 1987	APR 1987	MAY 1986	#	%	#	%
SPRINGFIELD MSA							
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	241.0	238.1	231.2	2.9	1.2	9.8	4.2
Manufacturing	52.7	52.2	51.9	0.5	1.0	0.8	1.5
Durable Goods	27.7	27.4	26.7	0.3	1.1	1.0	3.7
Fabricated Metals	7.3	7.2	6.8	0.1	1.4	0.5	7.4
Machinery, except electrical	6.7	6.7	6.7	0.0	****	0.0	****
Nondurable Goods	25.0	24.8	25.2	0.2	0.8	-0.2	-0.8
Textile mill products	1.8	1.8	1.7	0.0	****	0.1	5.9
Apparel	0.9	0.9	1.1	0.0	****	-0.2	-18.2
Paper & allied products	8.1	7.9	7.7	0.2	2.5	0.4	5.2
Printing & Publishing	6.1	6.0	5.9	0.1	1.7	0.2	3.4
Mining	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	****	0.0	****
Construction	9.3	8.6	8.5	0.7	8.1	0.8	9.4
Transportation, Communication & Public Utilities	9.1	9.1	8.9	0.0	****	0.2	2.2
Wholesale & Retail trade	56.6	55.9	54.0	0.7	1.3	2.6	4.8
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	16.4	16.1	15.5	0.3	1.9	0.9	5.8
Services	58.1	57.4	55.0	0.7	1.2	3.1	5.6
Government	38.6	38.6	37.2	0.0	****	1.4	3.8
Federal	6.0	5.9	6.0	0.1	1.7	0.0	****
State	8.4	8.5	8.0	-0.1	-1.2	0.4	5.0
Local	24.2	24.2	23.2	0.0	****	1.0	4.3
WORCESTER MSA							
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	197.9	197.2	190.9	0.7	0.4	7.0	3.7
Manufacturing	44.9	45.1	45.7	-0.2	-0.4	-0.8	-1.8
Durable Goods	30.1	30.3	31.1	-0.2	-0.7	-1.0	-3.2
Primary Metals	2.1	2.1	2.2	0.0	****	-0.1	-4.5
Fabricated Metals	7.1	7.2	7.5	-0.1	-1.4	-0.4	-5.3
Machinery, except electrical	8.9	8.9	9.3	0.0	****	-0.4	-4.3
Nondurable Goods	14.8	14.8	14.6	0.0	****	0.2	1.4
Textile mill products	2.9	2.9	2.9	0.0	****	0.0	****
Leather & Leather products	0.7	0.8	0.9	-0.1	-12.5	-0.2	-22.2
Mining	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.0	****	0.1	100.0
Construction	9.4	8.8	8.4	0.6	6.8	1.0	11.9
Transportation, Communication & Public Utilities	8.1	8.2	8.3	-0.1	-1.2	-0.2	-2.4
Wholesale & Retail trade	49.3	49.3	46.4	0.0	****	2.9	6.3
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	13.0	12.8	12.4	0.2	1.6	0.6	4.8
Services	48.9	48.9	45.9	0.0	****	3.0	6.5
Government	24.1	23.9	23.7	0.2	0.8	0.4	1.7

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NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT

INDUSTRY	EMPLOYMENT			CHANGE			
				Prior Mo.		Year Ago	
	MAY 1987	APR 1987	MAY 1986	#	%	#	%
BROCKTON PMSA							
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	72.6	72.3	70.5	0.3	0.4	2.1	3.0
Manufacturing	10.9	10.9	11.7	0.0	****	-0.8	-6.8
Durable Goods	6.0	6.0	6.3	0.0	****	-0.3	-4.8
Electrical & Electronic machinery,equip.,etc.	1.7	1.6	1.5	0.1	6.3	0.2	13.3
Nondurable Goods	4.9	4.9	5.4	0.0	****	-0.5	-9.3
Construction	4.9	4.7	3.7	0.2	4.3	1.2	32.4
Transportation, Communication & Public Utilities	5.0	5.0	5.2	0.0	****	-0.2	-3.8
Wholesale & Retail trade	21.8	21.6	20.5	0.2	0.9	1.3	6.3
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	3.2	3.2	3.0	0.0	****	0.2	6.7
Services	14.9	15.0	14.6	-0.1	-0.7	0.3	2.1
Government	11.9	11.9	11.8	0.0	****	0.1	0.8
Federal	3.1	3.1	2.9	0.0	****	0.2	6.9
State	2.2	2.1	2.4	0.1	4.8	-0.2	-8.3
Local	6.6	6.7	6.5	-0.1	-1.5	0.1	1.5
LAWRENCE - HAVERHILL MASS. - N.H. PMSA							
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	161.6	161.7	161.0	-0.1	-0.1	0.6	0.4
Manufacturing	50.3	51.3	52.7	-1.0	-1.9	-2.4	-4.6
Durable Goods	37.0	38.0	39.3	-1.0	-2.6	-2.3	-5.9
Nondurable Goods	13.3	13.3	13.4	0.0	****	-0.1	-0.7
Leather & Leather products	2.0	2.0	2.1	0.0	****	-0.1	-4.8
Construction	9.1	8.6	10.3	0.5	5.8	-1.2	-11.7
Transportation, Communication & Public Utilities	6.8	6.8	6.6	0.0	****	0.2	3.0
Wholesale & Retail trade	37.2	36.8	34.5	0.4	1.1	2.7	7.8
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	6.3	6.2	5.8	0.1	1.6	0.5	8.6
Services	32.3	32.1	31.1	0.2	0.6	1.2	3.9
Government	19.6	19.9	20.0	-0.3	-1.5	-0.4	-2.0

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NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT

INDUSTRY	EMPLOYMENT			CHANGE			
				Prior Mo.		Year Ago	
	MAY 1987	APR 1987	MAY 1986	#	%	#	%
FITCHBURG - LEOMINSTER MSA							
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	40.3	39.9	40.2	0.4	1.0	0.1	0.2
Manufacturing	13.1	13.3	13.2	-0.2	-1.5	-0.1	-0.8
Durable Goods	5.0	5.0	5.5	0.0	****	-0.5	-9.1
Machinery, except electrical	3.5	3.5	3.6	0.0	****	-0.1	-2.8
Nondurable Goods	8.1	8.3	7.7	-0.2	-2.4	0.4	5.2
Rubber & miscellaneous Plastic products	4.3	4.3	3.8	0.0	****	0.5	13.2
Construction	2.2	2.0	2.1	0.2	10.0	0.1	4.8
Transportation, Communication & Public Utilities	1.5	1.4	1.6	0.1	7.1	-0.1	-6.3
Wholesale & Retail trade	10.3	10.1	10.0	0.2	2.0	0.3	3.0
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	1.6	1.6	1.5	0.0	****	0.1	6.7
Services	7.1	7.0	7.3	0.1	1.4	-0.2	-2.7
Government	4.5	4.5	4.5	0.0	****	0.0	****
LOWELL MASS. - N.H. PMSA							
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	105.5	105.1	105.0	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5
Mining	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.0	****	-0.1	-50.0
Manufacturing	36.8	36.8	38.5	0.0	****	-1.7	-4.4
Construction	5.3	5.0	4.9	0.3	6.0	0.4	8.2
Transportation, Communication & Public Utilities	3.2	3.2	3.4	0.0	****	-0.2	-5.9
Wholesale & Retail trade	22.0	21.9	22.0	0.1	0.5	0.0	****
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	4.4	4.3	3.9	0.1	2.3	0.5	12.8
Services	20.6	20.5	19.0	0.1	0.5	1.6	8.4
Government	13.1	13.3	13.1	-0.2	-1.5	0.0	****
***SALEM - GLOUCESTER PMSA**							
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	112.6	111.5	109.5	1.1	1.0	3.1	2.8
Manufacturing	22.6	22.8	23.2	-0.2	-0.9	-0.6	-2.6
Durable Goods	15.8	15.9	16.4	-0.1	-0.6	-0.6	-3.7
Nondurable Goods	6.8	6.9	6.9	-0.1	-1.4	-0.1	-1.4
Construction	4.3	4.1	4.2	0.2	4.9	0.1	2.4
Transportation, Communication & Public Utilities	3.3	3.3	3.1	0.0	****	0.2	6.5
Wholesale & Retail trade	33.6	33.2	32.9	0.4	1.2	0.7	2.1
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	5.4	5.4	4.9	0.0	****	0.5	10.2
Services	27.9	27.3	26.1	0.6	2.2	1.8	6.9
Government	15.5	15.4	15.1	0.1	0.6	0.4	2.6

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				Prior Mo.		Year Ago	
	MAY 1987	APR 1987	MAY 1986	#	%	#	%
PITTSFIELD MSA							
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	43.7	43.2	42.2	0.5	1.2	1.5	3.6
Manufacturing	11.7	11.7	11.9	0.0	****	-0.2	-1.7
Machinery	7.4	7.5	8.0	-0.1	-1.3	-0.6	-7.5
Construction	2.3	2.1	2.0	0.2	9.5	0.3	15.0
Transportation, Communication & Public Utilities	1.1	1.1	1.0	0.0	****	0.1	10.0
Wholesale & Retail trade	11.4	11.2	10.8	0.2	1.8	0.6	5.6
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	2.2	2.2	2.1	0.0	****	0.1	4.8
Services	10.3	10.1	9.4	0.2	2.0	0.9	9.6
Government	4.6	4.7	4.9	-0.1	-2.1	-0.3	-6.1
NEW BEDFORD MSA							
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	66.2	65.7	65.7	0.5	0.8	0.5	0.8
Manufacturing	20.6	20.7	21.2	-0.1	-0.5	-0.6	-2.8
Durable Goods	8.7	8.8	9.0	-0.1	-1.1	-0.3	-3.3
Primary & Fabricated Metals	3.3	3.3	3.2	0.0	****	0.1	3.1
Nondurable Goods	11.9	11.9	12.2	0.0	****	-0.3	-2.5
Apparel	6.4	6.3	6.3	0.1	1.6	0.1	1.6
Construction	3.6	3.4	2.9	0.2	5.9	0.7	24.1
Transportation, Communication & Public Utilities	3.2	3.1	3.0	0.1	3.2	0.2	6.7
Wholesale & Retail trade	14.8	14.7	14.9	0.1	0.7	-0.1	-0.7
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	2.6	2.5	2.4	0.1	4.0	0.2	8.3
Services	12.4	12.3	11.9	0.1	0.8	0.5	4.2
Government	9.0	9.0	9.4	0.0	****	-0.4	-4.3
FALL RIVER MASS. - R.I. PMSA							
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	56.3	55.8	55.0	0.5	0.9	1.3	2.4
Manufacturing	16.6	16.7	17.4	-0.1	-0.6	-0.8	-4.6
Textile mill products	4.2	4.3	4.3	-0.1	-2.3	-0.1	-2.3
All other manufacturing	12.4	12.4	13.1	0.0	****	-0.7	-5.3
Construction	2.8	2.6	2.1	0.2	7.7	0.7	33.3
Transportation, Communication & Public Utilities	2.0	1.9	1.8	0.1	5.3	0.2	11.1
Wholesale & Retail trade	14.8	14.8	14.0	0.0	****	0.8	5.7
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	2.9	2.8	2.7	0.1	3.6	0.2	7.4
Services	10.7	10.6	10.4	0.1	0.9	0.3	2.9
Government	6.5	6.4	6.6	0.1	1.6	-0.1	-1.5

NOTE: By place of work, not comparable to labor force employment statistics

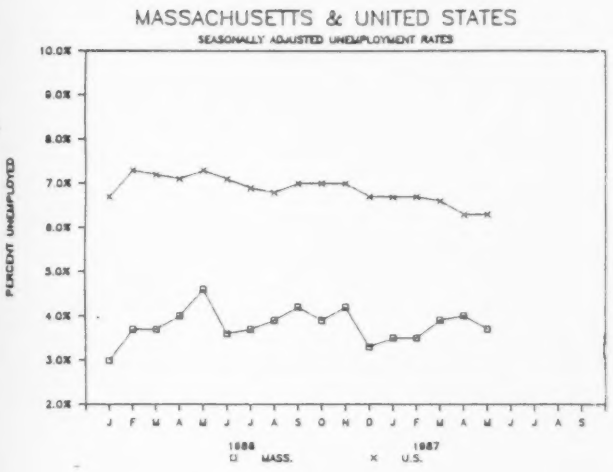
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS BY INDUSTRY
MANUFACTURING

Area	Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	May 87	Apr 87	May 86	May 87	Apr 87	May 86
UNITED STATES	40.9	40.4	40.6	$9.86	$9.87	$9.72
MASSACHUSETTS	41.0	40.2	41.1	9.65	9.66	9.20
BOSTON	40.9	40.1	40.4	10.60	10.55	10.09
BROCKTON	40.9	40.9	*	7.94	7.93	*
FALL RIVER	39.5	37.0	*	7.28	7.58	*
I AWRENCE-HAVERHILL	40.5	40.1	*	9.86	10.03	*
LOWELL	43.2	42.3	*	10.31	10.08	*
NEW BEDFORD	40.2	39.3	*	8.11	8.19	*
SPRINGFIELD	42.2	41.7	42.4	9.14	9.11	8.94
WORCESTER	41.6	40.6	40.4	9.64	9.58	9.39

*INFORMATION NOT AVAILABLE

Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS BY INDUSTRY
MASSACHUSETTS

Industry	Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	May 87	Apr 87	May 86	May 87	Apr 87	May 86
MANUFACTURING	41.0	40.2	41.1	9.65	9.66	9.20
DURABLE GOODS	41.5	41.1	41.5	10.14	10.11	9.67
LUMBER & FURNITURE	40.0	39.0	39.6	7.32	7.18	6.78
STONE, CLAY & GLASS	41.1	39.1	41.0	11.63	11.41	11.35
PRIMARY METALS	45.5	42.8	43.2	9.09	9.33	9.01
FABRICATED METALS	40.2	40.1	40.7	10.09	10.05	9.28
CUTLERY, ETC.	43.7	43.2	41.6	11.10	11.18	10.54
MACHINERY, EX. ELEC.	42.3	42.1	42.2	10.62	10.52	10.32
METALWORKING MACH.	42.5	42.1	41.2	11.06	10.87	10.79
SPECIAL INDU. MACH.	43.2	43.8	43.0	11.70	11.77	11.22
ELEC. & ELECTRON. MACH.	42.0	42.0	42.1	9.61	9.71	9.25
COMMUNICATIONS EQUIP.	42.4	42.7	43.4	10.68	11.07	10.26
ELECTRONIC COMP.	43.2	43.3	44.0	9.72	9.66	9.35
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	39.9	39.6	40.3	11.74	11.86	11.56
INSTRUMENTS	40.4	40.2	40.2	10.93	10.90	9.68
MEAS. & CONTROL DEVICES	44.1	42.9	42.7	8.30	8.29	7.75
MISC. MANUFAC. IND.	41.8	40.2	42.0	8.80	8.56	8.41
JEWELRY	42.9	40.3	41.5	7.39	7.37	7.49
NONDURABLE GOODS	40.2	38.8	40.5	8.85	8.88	8.41
FOOD & KINDRED PROD.	40.4	39.2	43.4	9.71	9.35	9.36
TEXTILE MILL PROD.	42.0	40.6	41.7	8.10	8.26	7.80
APPAREL	39.8	37.7	39.8	6.40	6.76	6.10
MENS & BOYS SUITS	41.5	39.6	43.1	7.15	7.69	6.96
PAPER & ALLIED PRODUCTS	44.0	42.3	43.1	9.11	9.10	9.23
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	38.6	36.5	38.7	9.77	9.92	9.21
CHEMICALS	40.1	39.8	42.3	11.44	11.46	10.53
RUBBER & PLASTIC PROD.	40.4	39.7	40.3	8.61	8.42	8.17
MISC. PLAS. PROD.	38.9	38.1	39.8	8.26	8.03	7.72
LEATHER & LEATHER PROD.	36.3	35.9	34.7	7.44	7.49	6.90
FOOTWEAR, EX. RUBBER	35.8	34.8	32.1	6.65	6.82	6.19



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Massachusetts - Rhode Island PMSA is the ninth largest labor market area in the state. Like the New Bedford MSA, the Fall River MA - RI PMSA has not performed as well in recent years, compared to other areas in the state.

- Between 1985 and 1986 employment in the Fall River MA - RI PMSA recorded a sluggish 1.3 percent growth rate. While manufacturing employment fell by five percent, the wholesale and retail trade sector and the service sector grew by 6 percent and 3 percent respectively.

- Despite the growth of employment opportunities in the service producing industries, the Fall River labor market area consistently records higher unemployment, suggesting possible a mismatches between employees' skills and the skills demanded by firms. For instance, unemployment in Fall River for 1986 averaged 6.5 percent, well above the state's rate of 3.8 percent. During the first quarter of 1987, the percentage unemployed in Fall River averaged 7.8 percent on a seasonally unadjusted basis.

Unemployment Rate Declines in May 1987

With the lowest jobless rate of the nation's eleven industrial states, Massachusetts' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped to 3.7 percent in May 1987. The nation's rate remained steady at 6.3 percent.

- The Boston PMSA posted the lowest unemployment rate of the major labor market areas at 2.9 percent. Other areas with favorable labor market conditions include: the Worcester MSA (3.1 percent), the Springfield MSA (3.3 percent), and the Salem-Gloucester PMSA (3.3 percent).

- Areas experiencing relatively high unemployment include: the Fall River PMSA (5.6 percent), the New Bedford MSA (5.4 percent), and the Lawrence-Haverhill PMSA (4.7 percent).

- In the Cape Cod region, unemployment rates dropped as expected during the summer months. Barnstable County and Nantucket County labor market areas posted unemployment rates of 3.7 percent and 1.4 percent respectively.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES
UNITED STATES AND MASSACHUSETTS
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

(In Thousands)

	MAY 1987	APRIL 1987	MAY 1986
United States	6.3	6.3	7.2
Massachusetts	3.7	4.0	4.4
Labor Force	3069.0	3070.0	3045.0
Employed	2954.0	2947.0	2911.0
Unemployed	115.0	123.0	134.0

LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT
UNITED STATES, MASSACHUSETTS AND THE LABOR AREA
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

(In Thousands)

AREA	MAY 1987	APRIL 1987	MAY 1986
UNITED STATES			
LABOR FORCE	119,695,000	118,347,000	117,199,000
EMPLOYMENT	112,377,000	111,041,000	109,041,000
UNEMPLOYMENT	7,318,000	7,306,000	8,158,000
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	6.1	6.2	7.0
MASSACHUSETTS			
LABOR FORCE	3,052,800	3,046,300	3,026,800
EMPLOYMENT	2,949,900	2,928,300	2,905,900
UNEMPLOYMENT	102,900	118,000	120,900
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	3.4	3.9	4.0
MAJOR LABOR AREAS			
BOSTON PMSA			
LABOR FORCE	1,516,720	1,516,320	1,502,900
EMPLOYMENT	1,472,640	1,466,670	1,450,380
UNEMPLOYMENT	44,090	49,650	52,520
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	2.9	3.3	3.5
BROCKTON PMSA			
LABOR FORCE	95,600	95,770	94,520
EMPLOYMENT	91,910	91,610	90,070
UNEMPLOYMENT	3,700	4,170	4,450
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	3.9	4.4	4.7
FALL RIVER PMSA			
LABOR FORCE	75,950	76,680	75,570
EMPLOYMENT	71,710	71,210	70,280
UNEMPLOYMENT	4,230	5,470	5,290
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	5.6	7.1	7.0
FITCHBURG-LEOMINSTER MSA			
LABOR FORCE	45,090	45,190	46,020
EMPLOYMENT	42,910	42,740	43,820
UNEMPLOYMENT	2,180	2,450	2,200
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	4.8	5.4	4.8
LAWRENCE-HAVERHILL PMSA			
LABOR FORCE	181,840	181,810	182,340
EMPLOYMENT	173,250	173,040	173,620
UNEMPLOYMENT	8,580	8,770	8,730
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	4.7	4.8	4.8
LOWELL PMSA			
LABOR FORCE	146,560	147,230	147,990
EMPLOYMENT	141,310	141,370	141,910
UNEMPLOYMENT	5,250	5,870	6,080
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	3.6	4.0	4.1
NEW BEDFORD MSA			
LABOR FORCE	82,530	82,990	82,940
EMPLOYMENT	78,050	77,710	77,840
UNEMPLOYMENT	4,480	5,280	5,100
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	5.4	6.4	6.1

NOTE: By place of residence, not comparable to nonagricultural wage and salary employment.

LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT
UNITED STATES, MASSACHUSETTS AND THE LABOR AREA
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

(In Thousands)

AREA	MAY 1987	APRIL 1987	MAY 1986
PITTSFIELD MSA			
LABOR FORCE	40,940	40,960	39,690
EMPLOYMENT	39,480	39,150	37,960
UNEMPLOYMENT	1,460	1,810	1,730
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	3.6	4.4	4.4
SALEM-GLOUCESTER PMSA			
LABOR FORCE	150,070	149,800	149,130
EMPLOYMENT	145,080	144,290	143,530
UNEMPLOYMENT	4,990	5,510	5,600
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	3.3	3.7	3.8
SPRINGFIELD MSA			
LABOR FORCE	249,390	248,260	245,190
EMPLOYMENT	241,190	238,790	234,680
UNEMPLOYMENT	8,200	9,470	10,510
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	3.3	3.8	4.3
WORCESTER MSA			
LABOR FORCE	209,540	209,700	205,450
EMPLOYMENT	203,110	202,450	197,890
UNEMPLOYMENT	6,430	7,250	7,560
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	3.1	3.5	3.7
OTHER LABOR AREAS			
AMHERST LMA			
LABOR FORCE	29,520	29,440	29,280
EMPLOYMENT	28,700	28,570	28,430
UNEMPLOYMENT	820	870	840
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	2.8	3.0	2.9
ATHOL LMA			
LABOR FORCE	10,640	10,490	10,230
EMPLOYMENT	10,190	9,940	9,710
UNEMPLOYMENT	460	550	520
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	4.3	5.3	5.1
ATTLEBORO LMA			
LABOR FORCE	47,330	47,270	47,320
EMPLOYMENT	45,190	44,750	44,670
UNEMPLOYMENT	2,140	2,520	2,650
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	4.5	5.3	5.6
BARNSTABLE LMA			
LABOR FORCE	99,530	94,370	97,370
EMPLOYMENT	95,880	89,630	93,540
UNEMPLOYMENT	3,650	4,740	3,830
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	3.7	5.0	3.9
DUKES COUNTY LMA			
LABOR FORCE	6,810	5,960	6,440
EMPLOYMENT	6,620	5,680	6,210
UNEMPLOYMENT	190	280	230
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	2.8	4.7	3.5

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LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT
UNITED STATES, MASSACHUSETTS AND THE LABOR AREA
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

(In Thousands)

AREA	MAY 1987	APRIL 1987	MAY 1986
GARDNER LMA			
LABOR FORCE	14,570	14,660	14,360
EMPLOYMENT	13,770	13,720	13,520
UNEMPLOYMENT	800	940	850
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	5.5	6.4	5.9
GREAT BARRINGTON LMA			
LABOR FORCE	8,980	8,770	8,710
EMPLOYMENT	8,730	8,480	8,450
UNEMPLOYMENT	250	290	260
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	2.8	3.3	2.9
GREENFIELD LMA			
LABOR FORCE	24,960	24,760	24,260
EMPLOYMENT	24,340	24,030	23,530
UNEMPLOYMENT	620	730	730
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	2.5	2.9	3.0
NANTUCKET LMA			
LABOR FORCE	5,490	4,510	5,290
EMPLOYMENT	5,420	4,420	5,180
UNEMPLOYMENT	80	90	120
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	1.4	1.9	2.2
NORTH ADAMS LMA			
LABOR FORCE	18,820	18,740	18,990
EMPLOYMENT	17,950	17,670	17,820
UNEMPLOYMENT	870	1,070	1,170
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	4.6	5.7	6.2
SOUTHBRIDGE LMA			
LABOR FORCE	12,820	12,730	13,140
EMPLOYMENT	12,240	12,020	12,560
UNEMPLOYMENT	580	710	580
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	4.5	5.6	4.4
TAUNTON LMA			
LABOR FORCE	25,400	25,690	25,730
EMPLOYMENT	24,230	24,320	24,290
UNEMPLOYMENT	1,180	1,380	1,450
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	4.6	5.4	5.6
WARE LMA			
LABOR FORCE	8,090	7,990	8,100
EMPLOYMENT	7,790	7,650	7,780
UNEMPLOYMENT	300	340	330
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	3.7	4.3	4.0
BALANCE of WESTERN MASS EA			
LABOR FORCE	9,120	9,020	8,060
EMPLOYMENT	8,850	8,650	7,780
UNEMPLOYMENT	270	370	280
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	2.9	4.1	3.5

NOTE: By place of residence, not comparable to nonagricultural wage and salary employment.

LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT
MASSACHUSETTS CITIES AND TOWNS

MAY 1987 PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES

City or Town Name	Labor Force	Employ-ment	Unemploy-ment	Rate
ABINGTON	7,423	7,196	227	3.1
ACTON	10,065	9,860	205	2.0
ACUSHNET	4,786	4,612	174	3.6
ADAMS	4,766	4,559	207	4.3
AGAWAM	13,779	13,477	302	2.2
ALFORD	229	223	6	2.6
AMESBURY	7,218	6,846	372	5.2
AMHERST	19,194	18,641	553	2.9
ANDOVER	13,923	13,493	430	3.1
ARLINGTON	28,154	27,583	571	2.0
ASHBURNHAM	1,972	1,872	100	5.1
ASHBY	1,069	1,011	58	5.4
ASHFIELD	819	798	21	2.6
ASHLAND	5,858	5,723	135	2.3
ATHOL	4,789	4,581	208	4.3
ATTLEBORO	18,454	17,627	827	4.5
AUBURN	8,398	8,246	152	1.8
AVON	2,970	2,871	99	3.3
AYER	3,618	3,457	161	4.4
BARNSTABLE	19,677	19,036	641	3.3
BARRE	2,061	2,023	38	1.8
BECKET	706	691	15	2.1
BEDFORD	7,007	6,879	128	1.8
BELCHERTOWN	4,177	3,996	181	4.3
BELLINGHAM	7,461	7,193	268	3.6
BELMONT	14,443	14,165	278	1.9
BERKLEY	1,294	1,236	58	4.5
BERLIN	1,247	1,222	25	2.0
BERNARDSTON	941	922	19	2.0
BEVERLY	22,542	21,837	705	3.1
BILLERICA	22,314	21,607	707	3.2
BLACKSTONE	3,182	3,037	145	4.6
BLANDFORD	603	584	19	3.2
BOLTON	1,391	1,366	25	1.8
BOSTON	291,048	279,590	11,458	3.9
BOURNE	7,543	7,336	207	2.7
BOXBOROUGH	2,040	2,028	12	0.6
BOXFORD	2,704	2,646	58	2.1
BOYLSTON	2,025	1,983	42	2.1
BRAINTREE	19,829	19,228	601	3.0
BREWSTER	2,922	2,851	71	2.4
BRIDGEWATER	8,757	8,435	322	3.7
BRIMFIELD	1,099	1,051	48	4.4
BROCKTON	48,699	46,450	2,249	4.6
BROOKFIELD	1,277	1,231	46	3.6
BROOKLINE	33,380	32,670	710	2.1
BUCKLAND	948	933	15	1.6
BURLINGTON	13,872	13,562	310	2.2
CAMBRIDGE	55,846	54,250	1,596	2.9
CANTON	10,011	9,776	235	2.3
CARLISLE	1,821	1,761	60	3.3
CARVER	3,062	2,920	142	4.6
CHARLEMONT	597	576	21	3.5
CHARLTON	3,385	3,250	135	4.0
CHATHAM	3,449	3,394	55	1.6
CHELMSFORD	19,485	18,954	531	2.7
CHELSEA	11,346	10,771	575	5.1
CHESHIRE	1,554	1,501	53	3.4
CHESTER	577	556	21	3.6
CHESTERFIELD	591	568	23	3.9
CHICOPEE	27,784	26,863	921	3.3
CHILMARK	382	377	5	1.3
CLARKSBURG	940	893	47	5.0
CLINTON	6,673	6,479	194	2.9
COHASSET	3,728	3,634	94	2.5
COLRAIN	772	764	8	1.0
CONCORD	8,922	8,791	131	1.5
CONWAY	685	674	11	1.6
CUMMINGTON	382	372	10	2.6
DALTON	3,368	3,274	94	2.8
DANVERS	14,359	13,981	378	2.6
DARTMOUTH	12,562	12,044	518	4.1
DEDHAM	14,137	13,792	345	2.4
DEERFIELD	2,657	2,588	69	2.6
DENNIS	7,097	6,915	182	2.6
DIGHTON	2,629	2,494	135	5.1
DOUGLAS	1,859	1,799	60	3.2
DOVER	2,344	2,307	37	1.6
DRACUT	13,575	13,116	459	3.4
DUDLEY	4,760	4,638	122	2.6
DUNSTABLE	1,021	991	30	2.9
DUXBURY	5,716	5,550	166	2.9
EAST BRIDGEWATER	5,278	5,072	206	3.9
EAST BROOKFIELD	976	948	28	2.9
EAST LONGMEADOW	6,395	6,174	221	3.5
EASTHAM	2,224	2,119	105	4.7
EASTHAMPTON	8,242	8,083	159	1.9
EASTON	9,317	9,126	191	2.1
EDGARTOWN	1,710	1,670	40	2.3
EGREMONT	820	799	21	2.6
ERVING	602	571	31	5.1
ESSEX	1,728	1,674	54	3.1
EVERETT	19,023	18,186	837	4.4
FAIRHAVEN	7,796	7,444	352	4.5
FALL RIVER	42,958	40,286	2,672	6.2
FALMOUTH	14,997	14,416	581	3.9
FITCHBURG	18,696	17,565	1,131	6.0
FLORIDA	352	333	19	5.4
FOXBOROUGH	7,773	7,569	204	2.6
FRAMINGHAM	39,117	38,335	782	2.0
FRANKLIN	9,252	8,949	303	3.3
FREETOWN	3,642	3,485	157	4.3
GARDNER	8,205	7,747	458	5.6
GAY HEAD	145	140	5	3.4
GEORGETOWN	3,014	2,919	95	3.2
GILL	712	694	18	2.5
GLOUCESTER	15,149	14,359	790	5.2
GOSHEN	411	407	4	1.0
GOSNOLD	48	48	0	0.0
GRAFTON	6,301	6,169	132	2.1
GRANBY	2,740	2,644	96	3.5
GRANVILLE	703	686	17	2.4
GREAT BARRINGTON	4,014	3,888	126	3.1
GREENFIELD	9,514	9,242	272	2.9
GROTON	3,329	3,275	54	1.6
GROVELAND	2,794	2,677	117	4.2
HADLEY	2,806	2,754	52	1.9
HALIFAX	2,577	2,485	92	3.6
HAMILTON	4,008	3,931	77	1.9
HAMPDEN	2,284	2,227	57	2.5
HANCOCK	330	311	19	5.8
HANOVER	5,866	5,733	133	2.3
HANSON	4,224	4,011	213	5.0
HARDWICK	935	902	33	3.5
HARVARD	3,134	3,085	49	1.6
HARWICH	5,051	4,807	244	4.8
HATFIELD	1,984	1,919	65	3.3
HAVERHILL	23,565	22,288	1,277	5.4
HAWLEY	141	137	4	2.8
HEATH	241	236	5	2.1
HINGHAM	10,403	10,072	331	3.2
HINSDALE	789	762	27	3.4
HOLBROOK	6,200	6,004	196	3.2
HOLDEN	7,219	7,053	166	2.3
HOLLAND	730	700	30	4.1
HOLLISTON	7,110	6,986	124	1.7
HOLYOKE	18,869	18,097	772	4.1
HOPEDALE	2,007	1,925	82	4.1
HOPKINTON	4,075	3,998	77	1.9
HUBBARDSTON	806	759	47	5.8
HUDSON	9,605	9,402	203	2.1
HULL	4,700	4,458	242	5.1
HUNTINGTON	853	818	35	4.1
IPSWICH	6,461	6,256	205	3.2
KINGSTON	3,743	3,636	107	2.9
LAKEVILLE	2,916	2,804	112	3.8
LANCASTER	3,232	3,155	77	2.4
LANESBOROUGH	1,580	1,514	66	4.2
LAWRENCE	29,792	27,872	1,920	6.4
LEE	3,023	2,916	107	3.5
LEICESTER	4,970	4,819	151	3.0
LENOX	3,295	3,199	96	2.9
LEOMINSTER	16,682	15,993	689	4.1
LEVERETT	1,000	977	23	2.3
LEXINGTON	16,979	16,653	326	1.9
LEYDEN	284	275	9	3.2
LINCOLN	3,194	3,123	71	2.2
LITTLETON	3,931	3,853	78	2.0
LONGMEADOW	7,717	7,536	181	2.3
LOWELL	53,687	51,366	2,321	4.3
LUDLOW	9,909	9,650	259	2.6
LUNENBURG	4,159	4,018	141	3.4
LYNN	38,883	37,627	1,256	3.2
LYNNFIELD	5,970	5,859	111	1.9

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City or Town Name	Labor Force	Employ-ment	Unemploy-ment	Rate
MALDEN	28,233	27,357	876	3.1
MANCHESTER	2,966	2,897	69	2.3
MANSFIELD	7,314	7,189	135	1.8
MARBLEHEAD	11,947	11,574	373	3.1
MARION	1,914	1,789	125	6.5
MARLBOROUGH	18,027	17,649	378	2.1
MARSHFIELD	10,954	10,605	349	3.2
MASHPEE	2,487	2,420	67	2.7
MATTAPOISETT	2,993	2,865	128	4.3
MAYNARD	5,467	5,312	155	2.8
MEDFIELD	5,278	5,185	93	1.8
MEDFORD	31,018	30,113	905	2.9
MEDWAY	4,515	4,414	101	2.2
MELROSE	16,242	15,834	408	2.5
MENDON	1,637	1,611	26	1.6
MERRIMAC	2,312	2,209	103	4.5
METHUEN	20,525	19,694	831	4.0
MIDDLEBOROUGH	7,700	7,302	398	5.2
MIDDLEFIELD	202	188	14	6.9
MIDDLETON	2,571	2,495	76	3.0
MILFORD	12,658	12,195	463	3.7
MILLBURY	6,206	5,958	248	4.0
MILLIS	3,734	3,648	86	2.3
MILLVILLE	830	784	46	5.5
MILTON	13,024	12,736	288	2.2
MONROE	79	75	4	5.1
MONSON	3,420	3,315	105	3.1
MONTAGUE	4,166	4,079	87	2.1
MONTEREY	506	496	10	2.0
MONTGOMERY	285	280	5	1.8
MOUNT WASHINGTON	69	68	1	1.4
NAHANT	2,154	2,112	42	1.9
NANTUCKET	5,491	5,416	75	1.4
NATICK	17,262	16,937	325	1.9
NEEDHAM	15,383	15,082	301	2.0
NEW ASHFORD	104	101	3	2.9
NEW BEDFORD	47,270	44,305	2,965	6.3
NEW BRAINTREE	305	298	7	2.3
NEW MARLBOROUGH	657	639	18	2.7
NEW SALEM	338	327	11	3.3
NEWBURY	2,393	2,242	151	6.3
NEWBURYPORT	8,618	8,233	385	4.5
NEWTON	48,140	47,143	997	2.1
NORFOLK	2,867	2,806	61	2.1
NORTH ADAMS	8,004	7,531	473	5.9
NORTH ANDOVER	10,539	10,192	347	3.3
NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH	11,284	10,813	471	4.2
NORTH BROOKFIELD	2,042	1,999	43	2.1
NORTH READING	6,535	6,384	151	2.3
NORTHAMPTON	14,749	14,336	413	2.8
NORTHBOROUGH	5,767	5,680	87	1.5
NORTHBRIDGE	6,353	6,146	207	3.3
NORTHFIELD	1,295	1,268	27	2.1
NORTON	6,938	6,685	253	3.6
NORWELL	4,724	4,645	79	1.7
NORWOOD	17,288	16,904	384	2.2
OAK BLUFFS	1,320	1,262	58	4.4
OAKHAM	430	413	17	4.0
ORANGE	2,881	2,765	116	4.0
ORLEANS	3,042	2,964	78	2.6
OTIS	515	499	16	3.1
OXFORD	6,013	5,762	251	4.2
PALMER	5,926	5,798	128	2.2
PAXTON	2,087	2,065	22	1.1
PEABODY	27,312	26,320	992	3.6
PELHAM	723	704	19	2.6
PEMBROKE	6,844	6,572	272	4.0
PEPPERELL	4,814	4,635	179	3.7
PERU	358	346	12	3.4
PETERSHAM	498	489	9	1.8
PHILLIPSTON	460	443	17	3.7
PITTSFIELD	25,225	24,235	990	3.9
PLAINFIELD	225	213	12	5.3
PLAINVILLE	3,130	2,996	134	4.3
PLYMOUTH	16,873	16,094	779	4.6
PLYMPTON	973	931	42	4.3
PRINCETON	1,372	1,349	23	1.7
PROVINCETOWN	2,676	2,	290	10.8
QUINCY	46,870	45,519	1,351	2.9
RANDOLPH	15,915	15,470	445	2.8
RAYNHAM	4,847	4,712	135	2.8
READING	12,912	12,649	263	2.0
REHOBOTH	3,899	3,712	187	4.8
REVERE	22,050	21,094	956	4.3
RICHMOND	851	837	14	1.6
ROCHESTER	1,570	1,509	61	3.9
ROCKLAND	7,999	7,648	351	4.4
ROCKPORT	3,146	2,977	169	5.4
ROWE	158	151	7	4.4
ROWLEY	2,415	2,354	61	2.5
ROYALSTON	451	426	25	5.5
RUSSELL	746	728	18	2.4
RUTLAND	2,205	2,153	52	2.4
SALEM	22,202	21,452	750	3.4
SALISBURY	2,994	2,826	168	5.6
SANDISFIELD	353	343	10	2.8
SANDWICH	5,597	5,464	133	2.4
SAUGUS	13,657	13,317	340	2.5
SAVOY	280	258	22	7.9
SCITUATE	9,126	8,873	253	2.8
SEEKONK	6,553	6,224	329	5.0
SHARON	7,581	7,375	206	2.7
SHEFFIELD	1,602	1,564	38	2.4
SHELBURNE	950	932	18	1.9
SHERBORN	2,024	2,007	17	0.8
SHIRLEY	2,570	2,471	99	3.9
SHREWSBURY	12,698	12,393	305	2.4
SHUTESBURY	720	700	20	2.8
SOMERSET	10,018	9,561	457	4.6
SOMERVILLE	42,635	41,272	1,363	3.2
SOUTH HADLEY	8,788	8,561	227	2.6
SOUTHAMPTON	2,200	2,142	58	2.6
SOUTHBOROUGH	3,451	3,381	70	2.0
SOUTHBRIDGE	7,574	7,277	297	3.9
SOUTHWICK	3,816	3,699	117	3.1
SPENCER	5,443	5,292	151	2.8
SPRINGFIELD	68,274	65,409	2,865	4.2
STERLING	2,920	2,875	45	1.5
STOCKBRIDGE	1,266	1,244	22	1.7
STONEHAM	11,927	11,694	233	2.0
STOUGHTON	14,618	14,127	491	3.4
STOW	2,908	2,861	47	1.6
STURBRIDGE	2,901	2,736	165	5.7
SUDBURY	7,437	7,293	144	1.9
SUNDERLAND	2,184	2,127	57	2.6
SUTTON	2,960	2,846	114	3.9
SWAMPSCOTT	7,963	7,770	193	2.4
SWANSEA	7,914	7,572	342	4.3
TAUNTON	21,477	20,495	982	4.6
TEMPLETON	2,576	2,458	118	4.6
TEWKSBURY	14,828	14,350	478	3.2
TISBURY	2,362	2,285	77	3.3
TOLLAND	149	140	9	6.0
TOPSFIELD	3,121	3,063	58	1.9
TOWNSEND	3,692	3,613	79	2.1
TRURO	841	762	79	9.4
TYNGSBOROUGH	3,622	3,528	94	2.6
TYRINGHAM	242	238	4	1.7
UPTON	2,083	2,043	40	1.9
UXBRIDGE	4,370	4,174	196	4.5
WAKEFIELD	13,961	13,571	390	2.8
WALES	516	473	43	8.3
WALPOLE	10,101	9,868	233	2.3
WALTHAM	33,742	33,001	741	2.2
WARE	3,722	3,559	163	4.4
WAREHAM	10,377	9,825	552	5.3
WARREN	1,455	1,412	43	3.0
WARWICK	253	243	10	4.0
WASHINGTON	335	320	15	4.5
WATERTOWN	20,717	20,274	443	2.1
WAYLAND	6,892	6,778	114	1.7
WEBSTER	7,220	6,930	290	4.0
WELLESLEY	14,281	13,970	311	2.2
WELLFLEET	1,268	1,199	69	5.4
WENDELL	372	342	30	8.1
WENHAM	2,182	2,143	39	1.8
WEST BOYLSTON	3,366	3,289	77	2.3
WEST BRIDGEWATER	3,358	3,234	124	3.7

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WEST BROOKFIELD	1,241	1,208	33	2.7
WEST NEWBURY	1,484	1,392	92	6.2
WEST SPRINGFIELD	14,537	14,212	325	2.2
WEST STOCKBRIDGE	727	711	16	2.2
WEST TISBURY	847	841	6	0.7
WESTBOROUGH	7,953	7,779	174	2.2
WESTFIELD	17,738	17,143	595	3.4
WESTFORD	8,080	7,879	201	2.5
WESTHAMPTON	738	729	9	1.2
WESTMINSTER	2,508	2,447	61	2.4
WESTON	5,866	5,820	46	0.8
WESTPORT	6,845	6,458	387	5.7
WESTWOOD	7,174	7,069	105	1.5
WEYMOUTH	30,818	29,859	959	3.1
WHATELY	909	880	29	3.2
WHITMAN	7,222	7,037	185	2.6
WILBRAHAM	6,157	6,001	156	2.5
WILLIAMSBURG	1,472	1,425	47	3.2
WILLIAMSTOWN	4,046	3,964	82	2.0
WILMINGTON	9,272	9,003	269	2.9
WINCHENDON	2,978	2,806	172	5.8
WINCHESTER	11,080	10,885	195	1.8
WINDSOR	360	354	6	1.7
WINTHROP	11,001	10,676	325	3.0
WOBURN	21,284	20,889	395	1.9
WORCESTER	80,659	77,778	2,881	3.6
WORTHINGTON	552	537	15	2.7
WRENTHAM	3,398	3,303	95	2.8
YARMOUTH	10,281	9,989	292	2.8

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIMS[1]
MASSACHUSETTS AND THE LABOR AREAS

NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

MASSACHUSETTS AND THE LABOR AREAS	INITIAL CLAIMS			CONTINUED CLAIMS[2]		
	MAY 87	APR 87	MAY 86	MAY 87	APR 87	MAY 86
MASSACHUSETTS	4,709	7,275	7,330	43,342	52,021	54,784
MAJOR LABOR AREAS						
BOSTON PMSA	1,542	1,637	2,585	17,556	19,799	23,183
BROCKTON PMSA	140	138	228	1,400	1,591	2,060
FALL RIVER PMSA[3]	363	464	771	2,269	3,276	3,919
FITCHBURG-LEOMINSTER MSA	161	163	129	1,033	1,106	1,104
LAWRENCE-HAVERHILL PMSA[4]	335	387	401	3,315	3,254	3,516
LOWELL PMSA[4]	143	142	346	1,703	2,007	2,340
NEW BEDFORD MSA	375	373	404	2,079	2,606	2,761
PITTSFIELD MSA	62	74	84	649	840	838
SPRINFIELD MSA	243	261	269	2,172	2,387	2,602
SALEM-GLOUCESTER PMSA	314	333	454	3,287	3,832	5,146
WORCESTER MSA	249	249	384	2,484	2,890	3,468
OTHER LABOR AREAS						
AMHERST LMA	9	11	13	92	124	147
ATHOL LMA	21	25	24	176	233	221
BARNSTABLE COUNTY LMA	129	149	109	1,287	2,110	1,499
BALANCE OF WESTERN MA EA	6	19	10	98	131	99
DUKES COUNTY LMA	5	5	7	64	122	83
GARDNER LMA	56	70	53	357	414	441
GREAT BARRINGTON LMA	12	14	11	90	108	110
GREENFIELD LMA	17	19	28	241	293	275
NANTUCKET LMA	3	1	4	18	41	45
NORTH ADAMS LMA	43	64	65	406	460	530
SOUTHBRIDGE LMA	36	36	30	217	329	259
TAUNTON LMA	97	96	82	475	633	774
WARE LMA	19	13	14	139	174	164

1 - Week that includes the 12th
2 - Includes regular compensation not extended compensation
3 - Includes Rhode Island residents of PMSA
4 - Includes New Hampshire residents of PMSA

EXPLANATION OF TERMS

Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment. Includes all workers who worked full or part-time or who received vacation pay, holiday pay or sick leave pay directly from the employer for the pay period which includes the 12th of the month. Excluded are workers in most agricultural industries as well as those in forestry, fisheries and international government. Also excluded are self-employed workers, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households.

Benchmark. A reasonably complete count of employment at a specified period of time, usually the first quarter of the year. The principal sources of benchmark data for the CES Program are tabulations of employment reported by establishments covered by the Massachusetts Employment Security Law and by Federal government agencies covered by Federal U.I. Law. These principal sources are supplemented for those nonagricultural jobs not covered by U.I. (e.g., religious, students employed by the institution attended).

Establishment. An establishment is an economic unit which produces goods or services, generally at a single physical location, and is engaged in only one type of activity.

Labor Force. The sum of the employed and unemployed living in the area (total employment plus total unemployment).

Total Employment. The count of persons, living in the area, who did any work at all, in any area, for pay or profit during the week of the month including the 12th or who had a job from which they were temporarily absent because of illness, vacation, labor dispute or other reasons which does not reflect a shortage of work.

Total Unemployment. The count of persons, living in the area, who did no work at all, in any area, during the week of the month including the 12th, but who were looking for work or awaiting recall from layoff or beginning a new job within the next 30 days.

Unemployment Rate. Unemployment expressed as a percent of the labor force.

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